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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Data Collection Available for Public Comments

ACTION: 60-day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Small Business Administration (SBA) intends to request approval, from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the collection of information described below. The Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) requires federal agencies to publish a notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information before submission to OMB, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice complies with that requirement.

DATES: Submit comments on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]

ADDRESSES: Send all comments to Jermaine Perry, Management Analyst, Office of Surety Guarantee, Small Business Administration, Washington, DC 20416.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jermaine Perry, Management Analyst, Office of Surety Guarantee, 202-401-8275 jermaine.perry@sba.gov, or Curtis B. Rich, Management Analyst, 202-205-7030, curtis.rich@sba.gov;

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Small Business Administration (SBA) Surety Bond Guarantee Program was created to encourage surety companies to provide bonding for small contractors. The information collected on this form from small businesses and surety companies will be used to evaluate the eligibility of applicants for contracts up to \$400,000.

Solicitation of Public Comments:

SBA is requesting comments on (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the agency to properly perform its functions; (b) whether the burden estimates are

accurate; (c) whether there are ways to minimize the burden, including through the use of automated techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) whether there are ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information.

Summary of Information Collection:

OMB Control # 3245-0378

Title: Quick Bond Guarantee Application and Agreement

Description of Respondents: Surety Companies

Form Number: SBA Form 990A

Total Estimated Annual Responses: 3,278

Total Estimated Annual Hour Burden: 546

Curtis Rich, Management Analyst.

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